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SUBJECT:RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT  
FROM SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR

1. FYI. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT WAS RECEIVED  
VIA COMMERCIAL CABLE BY WHITE HOUSE. QUOTE. THE JULY 4  
CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA ASSUMES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE THIS YEAR SINCE IT  
COINCIDES WITH THE BICENTENNIAL OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY. ON  
THIS OCCASION, ALL THE SENEGALESE PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO  
EXPRESS THEIR HIGH ESTEEM FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HOPING  
THAT YOUR COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
MAINTENANCE OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD SO THAT INTER-  
NATIONAL COOPERATION MAY CONSTITUTE A BOND OF SOLIDARITY  
AMONG MEN. I JOIN TO THIS WISH MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS  
AND THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION.  
LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE  
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
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ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU

FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THIS COM-MEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDI-CATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICI-PATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCELY, GERALD R. FORD.  
UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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